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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
To: All General Officers  
All Commanding Officers  
All Officers in Charge

Subj: 1996 VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. In 1996, all states and territories, except American Samoa, will hold primary elections. Although the Presidential primaries have been completed, the states and territories continue to hold primary elections for the purpose of nominating candidates for the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and various state offices.

2. All Marines, our civilian employees serving outside the United States, and their eligible family members are encouraged to register and vote. Each vote in primary elections is critical in ultimately selecting candidates for public office. By participating in primary elections, each voter has the opportunity to voice his or her choice of candidate to run in the general election in November. Whether a Marine votes through an absentee ballot or at the voting booth, his or her vote counts. Also, through casting a ballot, individual Marines can let their elected leaders and representatives know of their position on issues of great importance to the Nation.

3. Each commanding officer is responsible for the operation of a successful Voting Assistance Program. To carry out the program, commanding officers will appoint, in writing, a voting assistance officer. In conjunction with the voting assistance officer, the commanding officer will plan and conduct orientation briefings to inform all eligible individuals in their unit of current registration and voting procedures and the importance of exercising their right to vote. Voting is a privilege and a civic responsibility. Remember, each vote counts.

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